MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No special claims for the taluk in that direction have been brought to the notice of Government.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Are there more than one vaidyan there?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Government are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Sir, may I know what is the special peculiarity of Haripad to possess a visha vaidyasala?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: There seems to be no special reason.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the visha vaidyasalas are distributed throughout the length and breadth of the country?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: These Vaidyasalas are located in various taluks.

*Capital punishment by the High Court.*

373. ✻ MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of criminal cases in which capital punishment has been either given or confirmed by the High Court in 1113, 1114 and 1115 respectively?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*):

| | 1113. | 1114. | 1115. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (*a*) No. of Criminal cases in which capital punishment has been given by the High Court. | 1 | 1 | Nil. |
| (*b*) No. of criminal cases in which capital punishment has been confirmed by the High Court. | Nil. | 1 | Nil. |

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have considered the abolition of capital punishment?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: No, they have not considered that.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether in many of the American States they have abolished capital punishments?

PRESIDENT: In three of the American States they have resorted to capital punishment after abolition.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the number of cases set aside by the High Court?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I claim notice.

The answer is furnished here that there is one case in 1114 which has been confirmed by the High Court. All cases of capital punishment will have to be confirmed by the High Court and sanctioned by His Highness the Maharaja. There is only one case and that in 1114, which has been confirmed by the High Court. Confirmed implies confirmation by the High Court.

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